

# Are You a Nebraska teacher enrolled in a graduate program?

You may be eligible for a \$3000 forgivable loan!

## Enhancing Excellence in Teaching Program 2016-2017

### What is it?

The **Enhancing Excellence in Teaching Program (EETP)** provides a limited number of forgivable loans to Nebraska teachers enrolled in an eligible graduate program.

Eligible students may apply on an annual basis for funds of \$175 per credit hour, up to a maximum of \$3,000. Students can apply for EETP loans annually for up to five (5) consecutive years.

Eligible graduate coursework includes classes that begin during the period of July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.

**New in 2016-17—seeking an added graduate endorsement in a shortage area and change to the loan forgiveness timelines.**

A program of  
the Excellence  
in Teaching Act

### Who is eligible?

To be considered for an **Enhancing Excellence in Teaching Program** forgivable loan, you must:

- Be employed as a certificated teacher in an approved or accredited public or private school in Nebraska;
- Be enrolled in an approved graduate program at an eligible institution;
- Be a resident Nebraska student; and
- Complete:
  1. A graduate degree or **added endorsement in a shortage area**,
  2. A graduate degree in curriculum and instruction,
  3. A graduate degree in a subject area in which a teaching endorsement is already held, **or**
  4. A graduate degree that will result in an additional endorsement not considered a shortage area which your school administrator believes will be beneficial to the students of the school.

### How does it work?

- After you accept the offered loan by signing the NDE contract — provide proof of registration for your classes and \$175/credit hour (up to the amount of your award) will be sent directly to you
- After you complete your graduate program and teach in Nebraska for 2 years — for each additional year you teach in Nebraska:
  - If you received funding prior to July 1, 2016:
    - ◊ \$3000 of your loan balance is forgiven each year; or
    - ◊ \$6000 of your loan balance is forgiven if you teach in a very sparse school district or in a 40% or higher poverty school building
  - If you receive funding on or after July 1, 2016:
    - ◊ \$1500 of your loan balance is forgiven each year; or
    - ◊ If you teach in a very sparse school district or in a 40% or higher poverty school building \$1500 of your loan balance is forgiven the first year of loan forgiveness and \$3000 each year of loan forgiveness thereafter.

**Application opens April 1, 2016**

For more information visit the EETP page on the Nebraska Teacher Education web site at:

[www.education.ne.gov/EducatorPrep/TopPages/EETP.html](http://www.education.ne.gov/EducatorPrep/TopPages/EETP.html)